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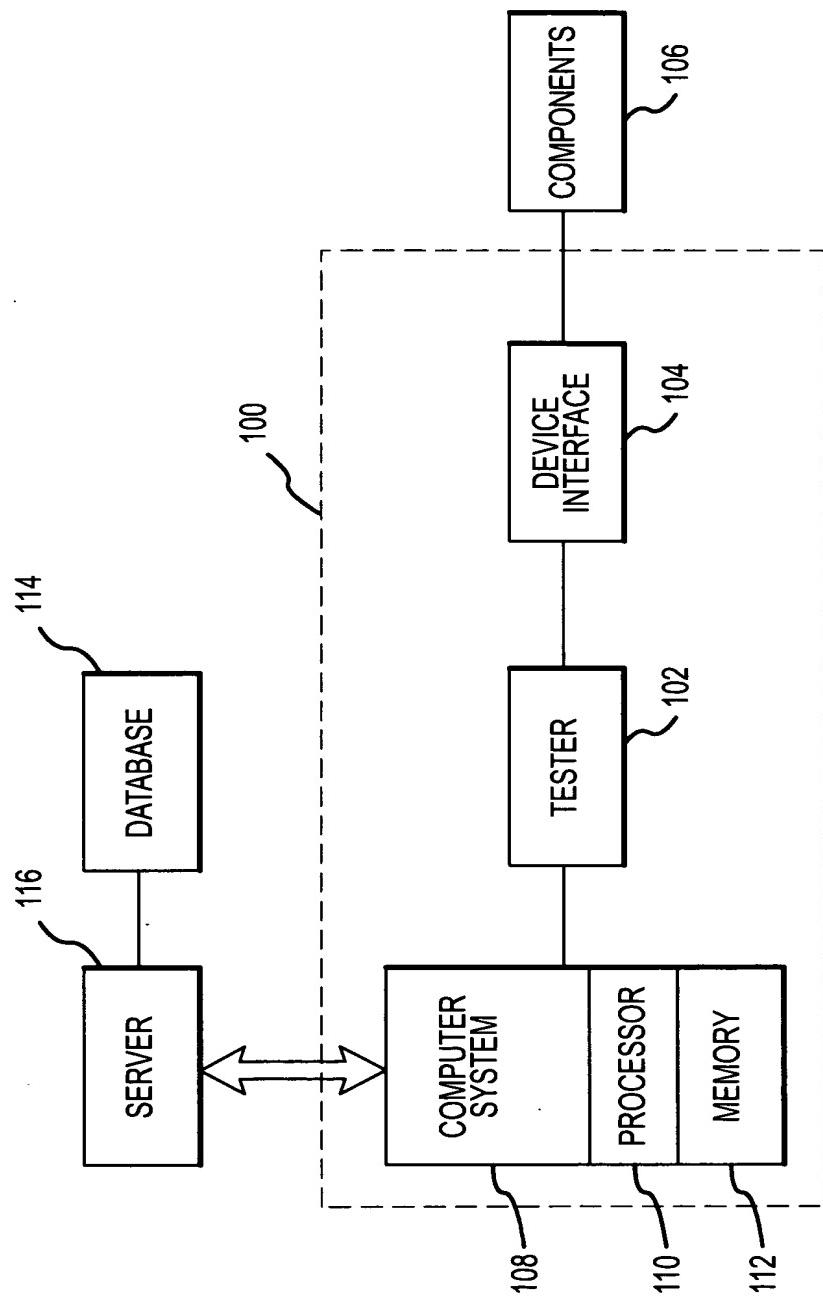


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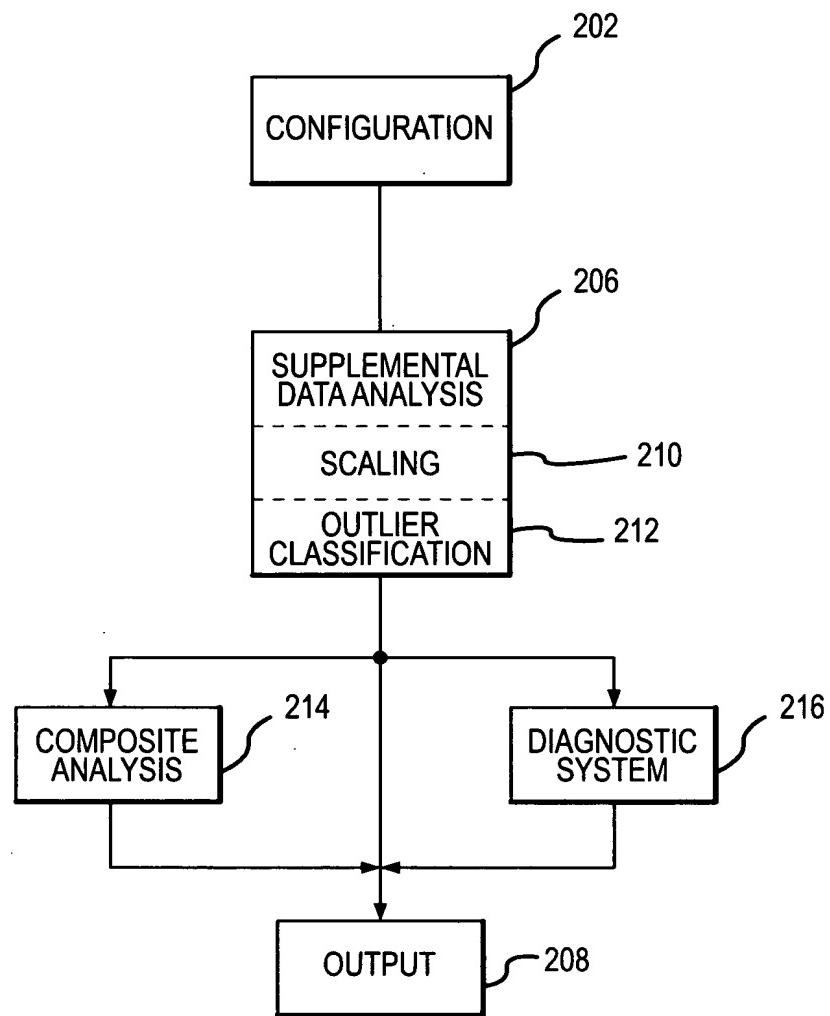


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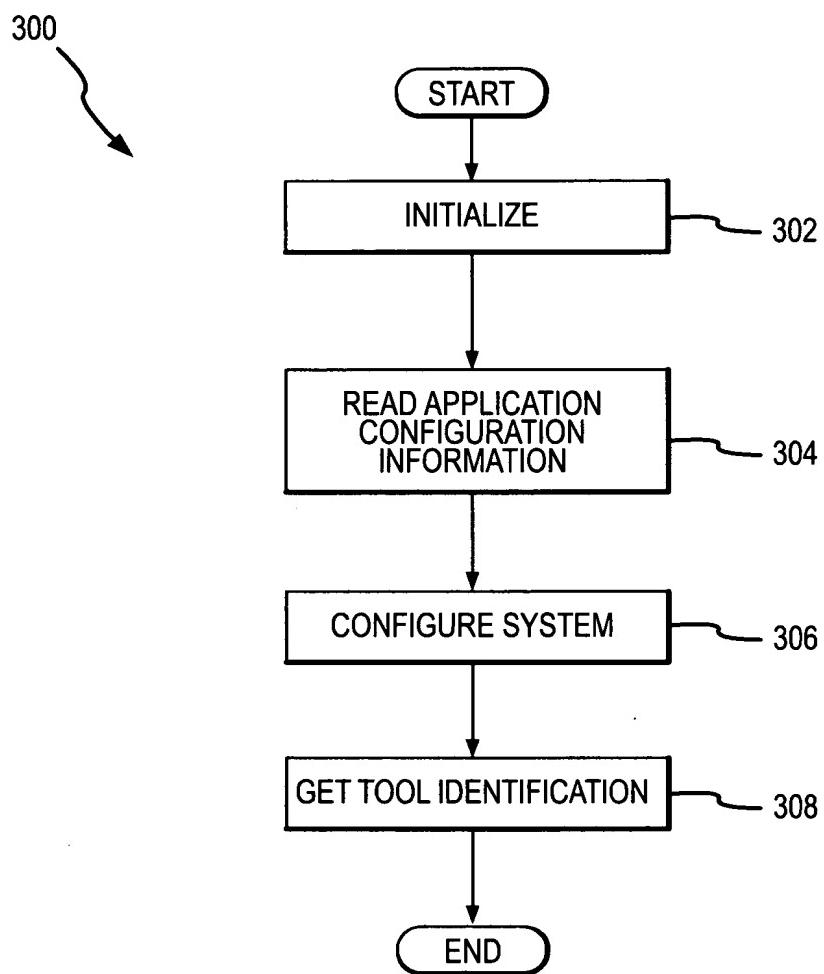


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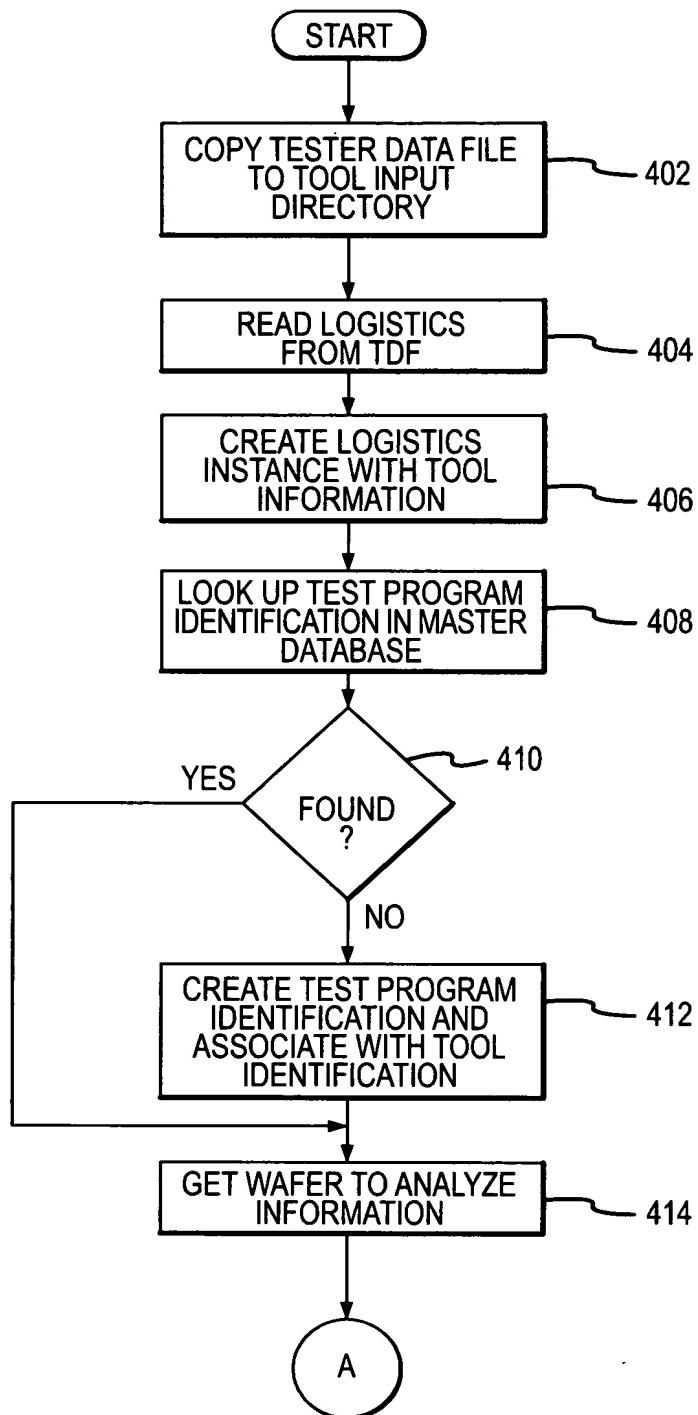


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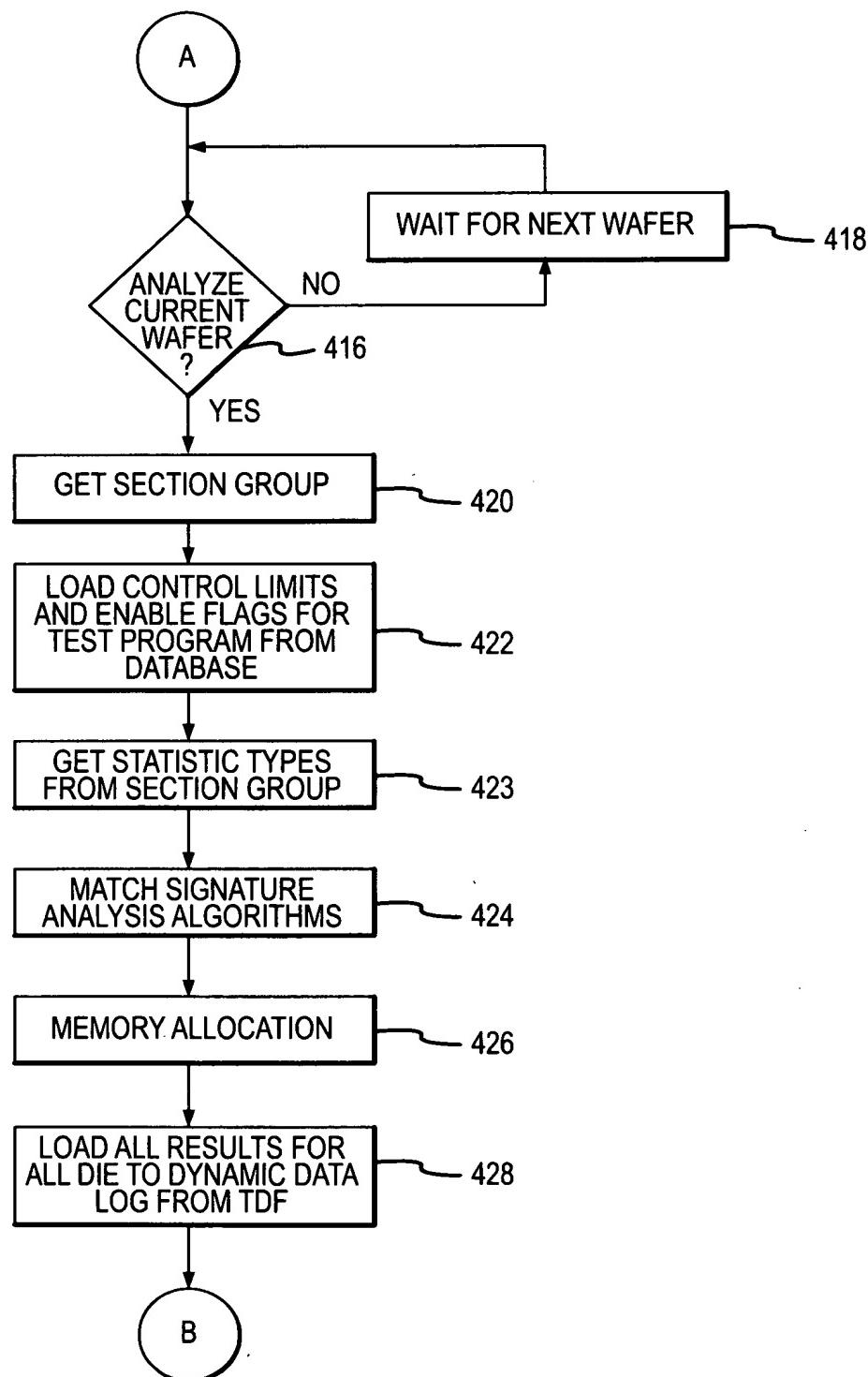


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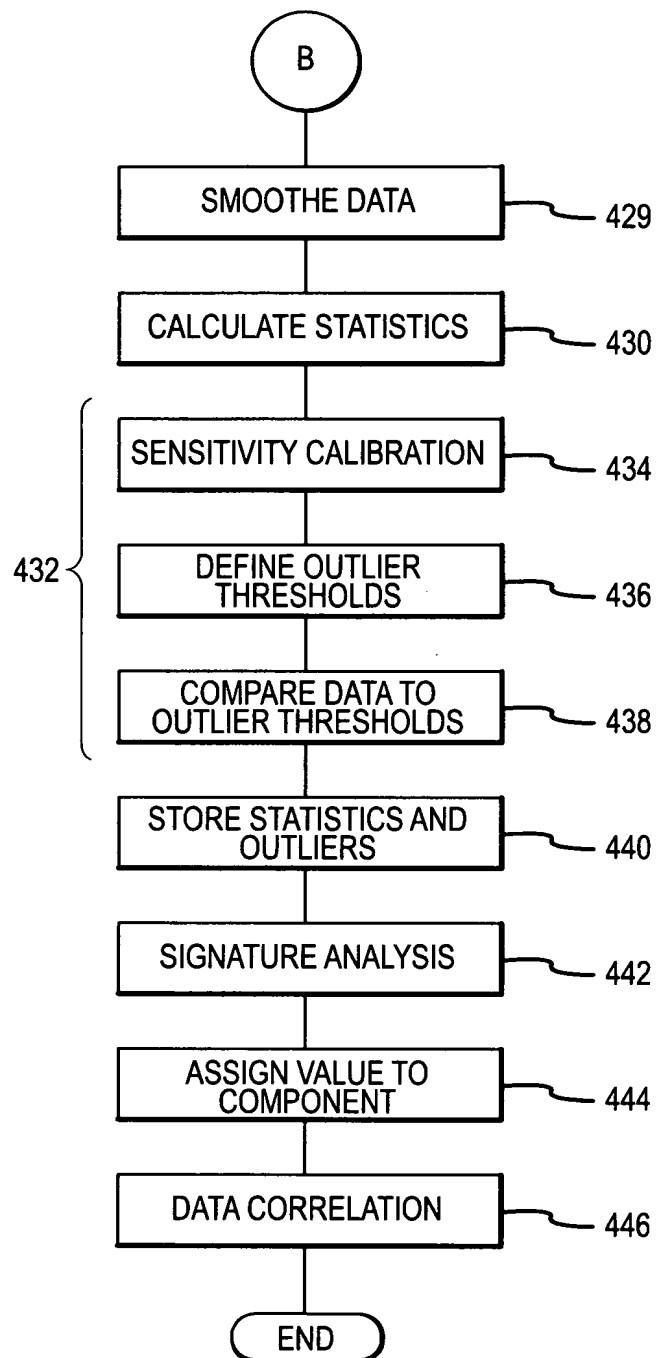


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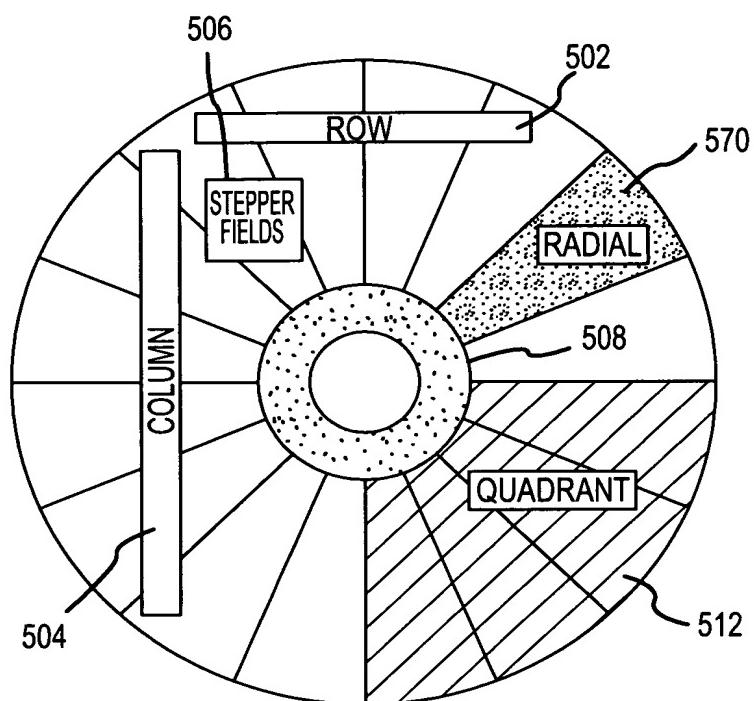


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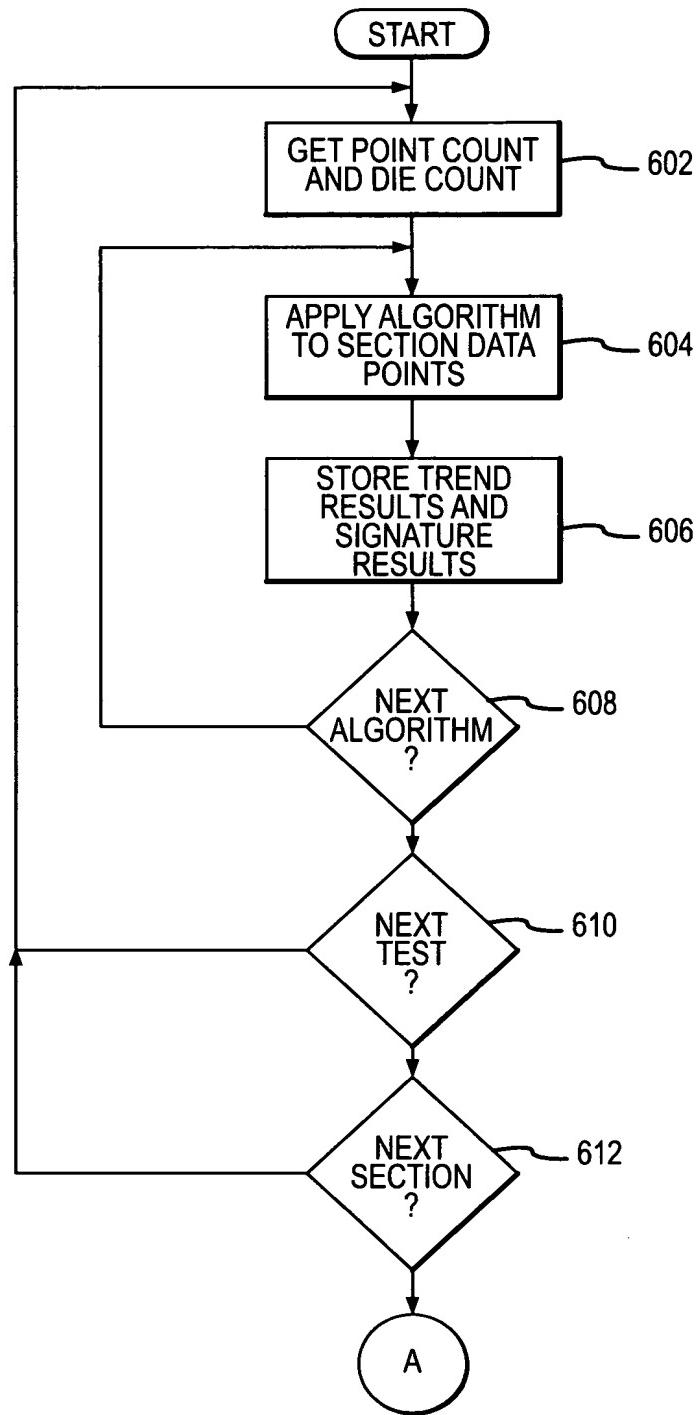


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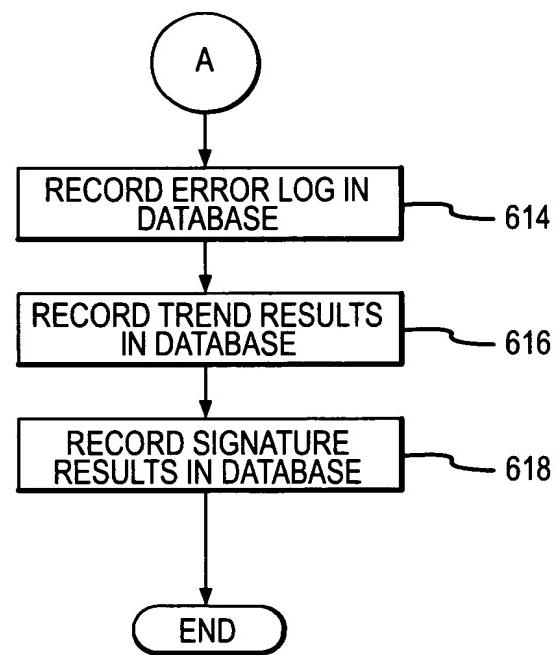


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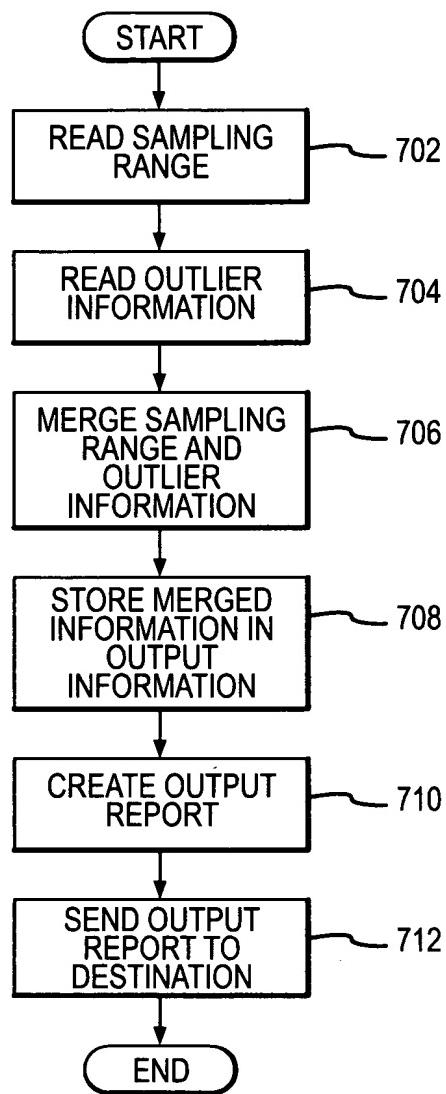


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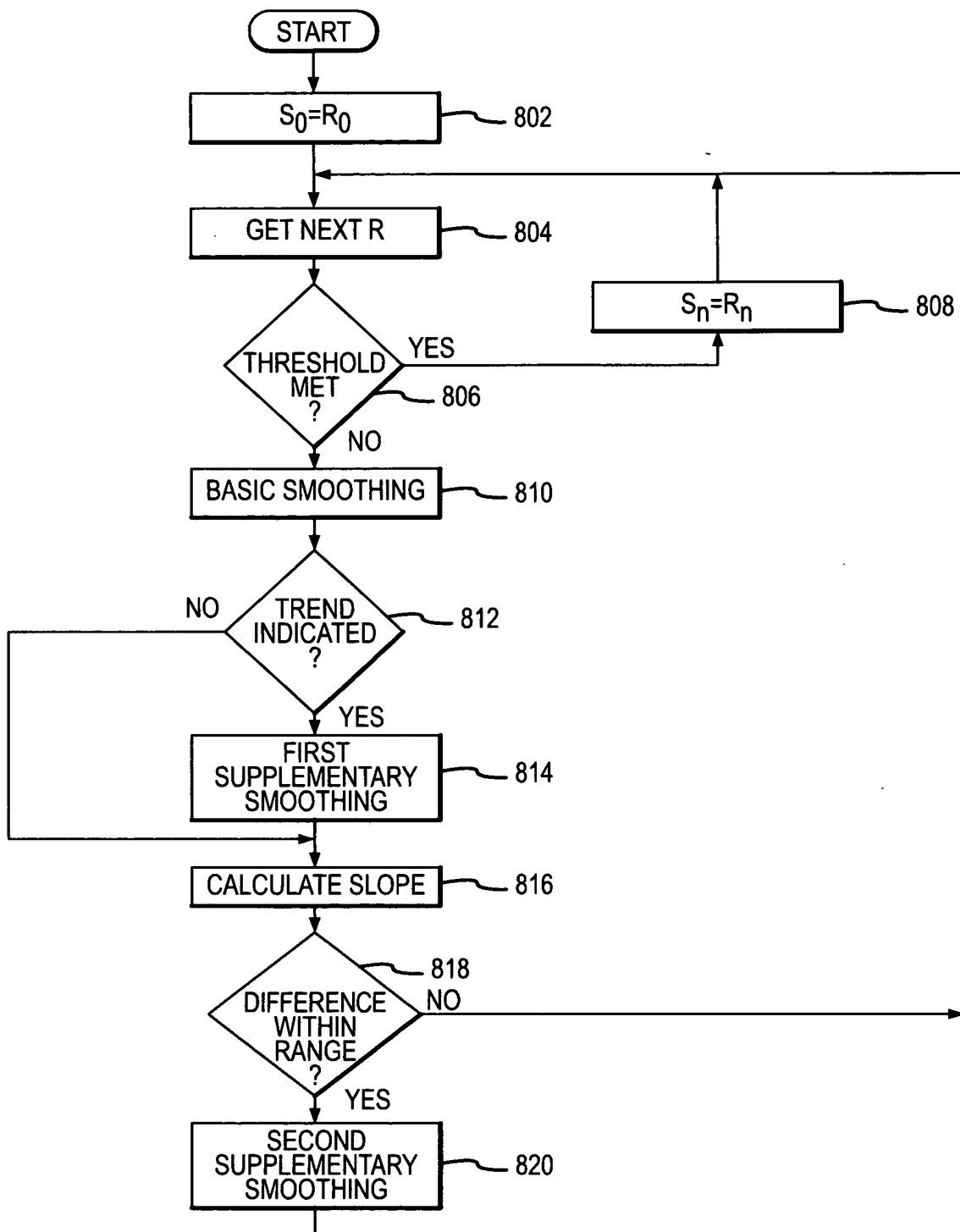


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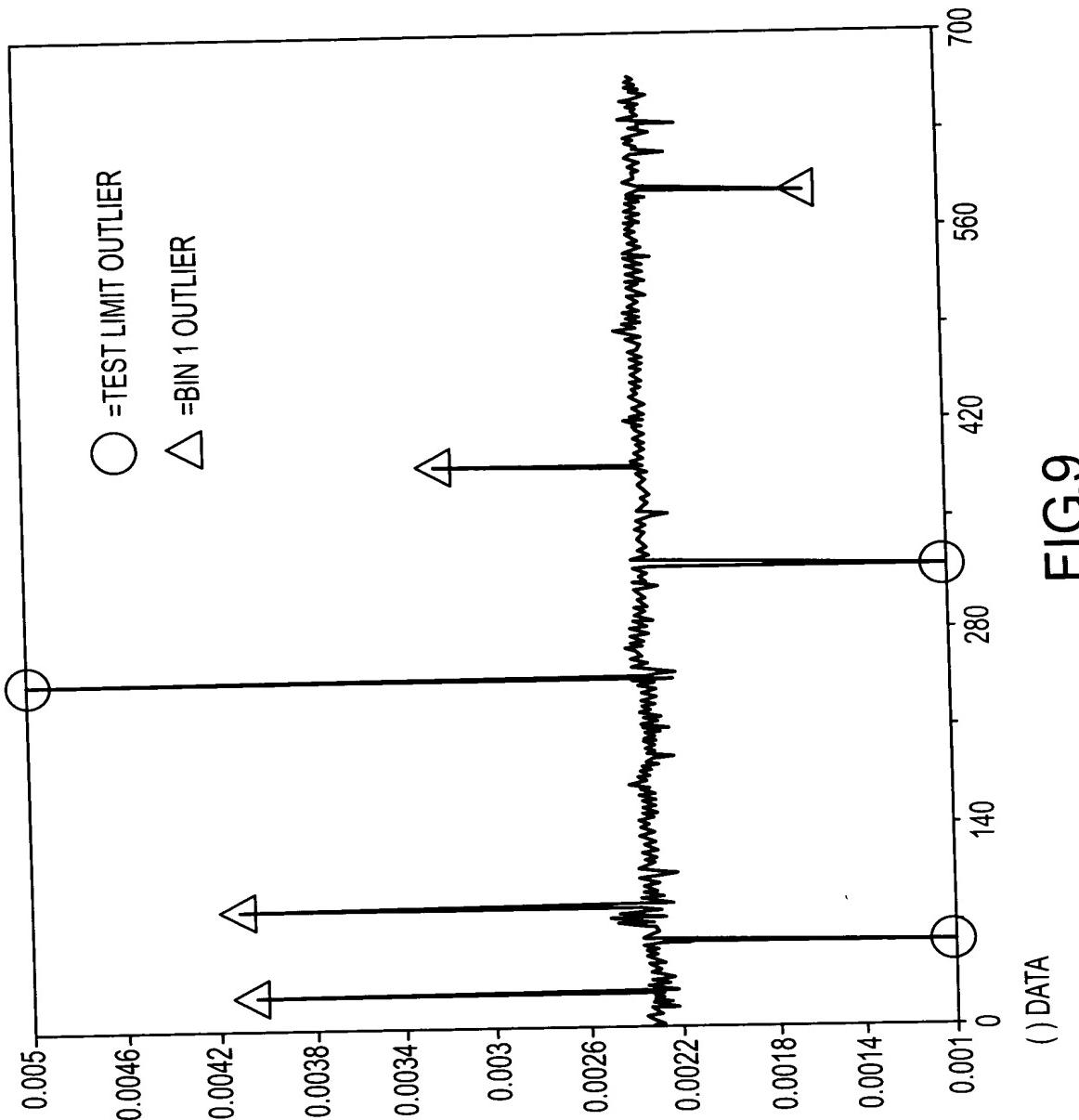


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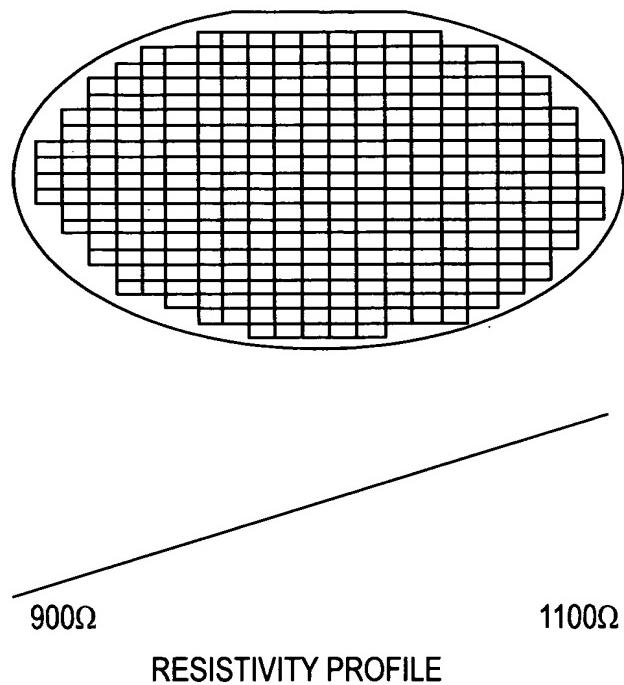


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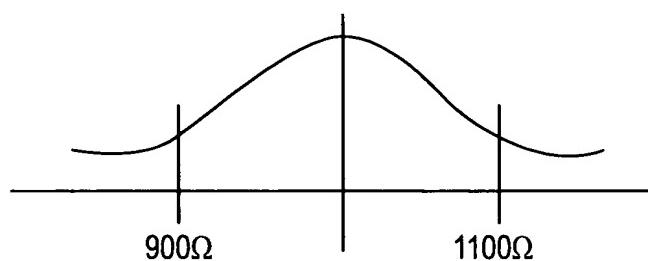


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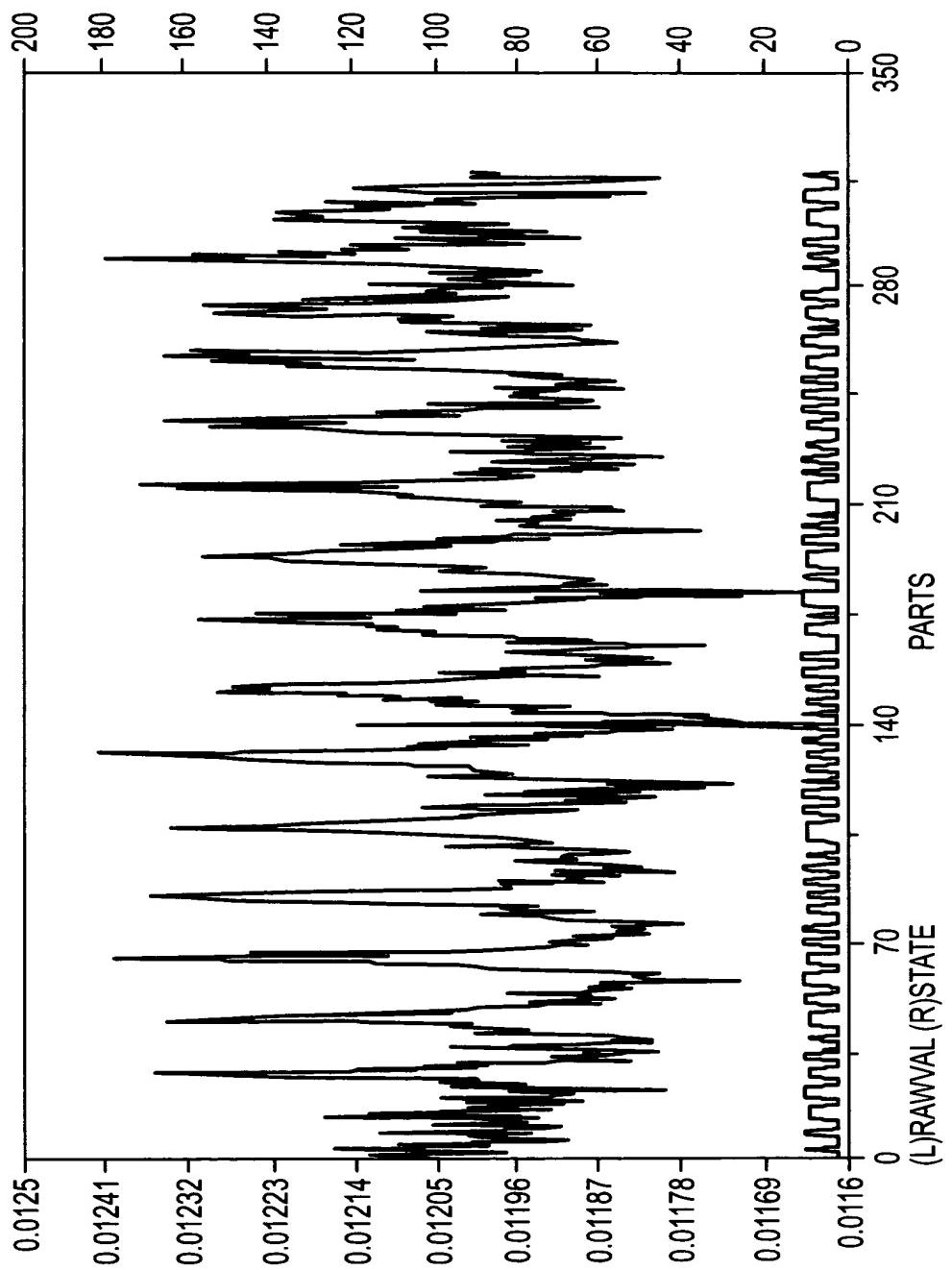


FIG. 12A

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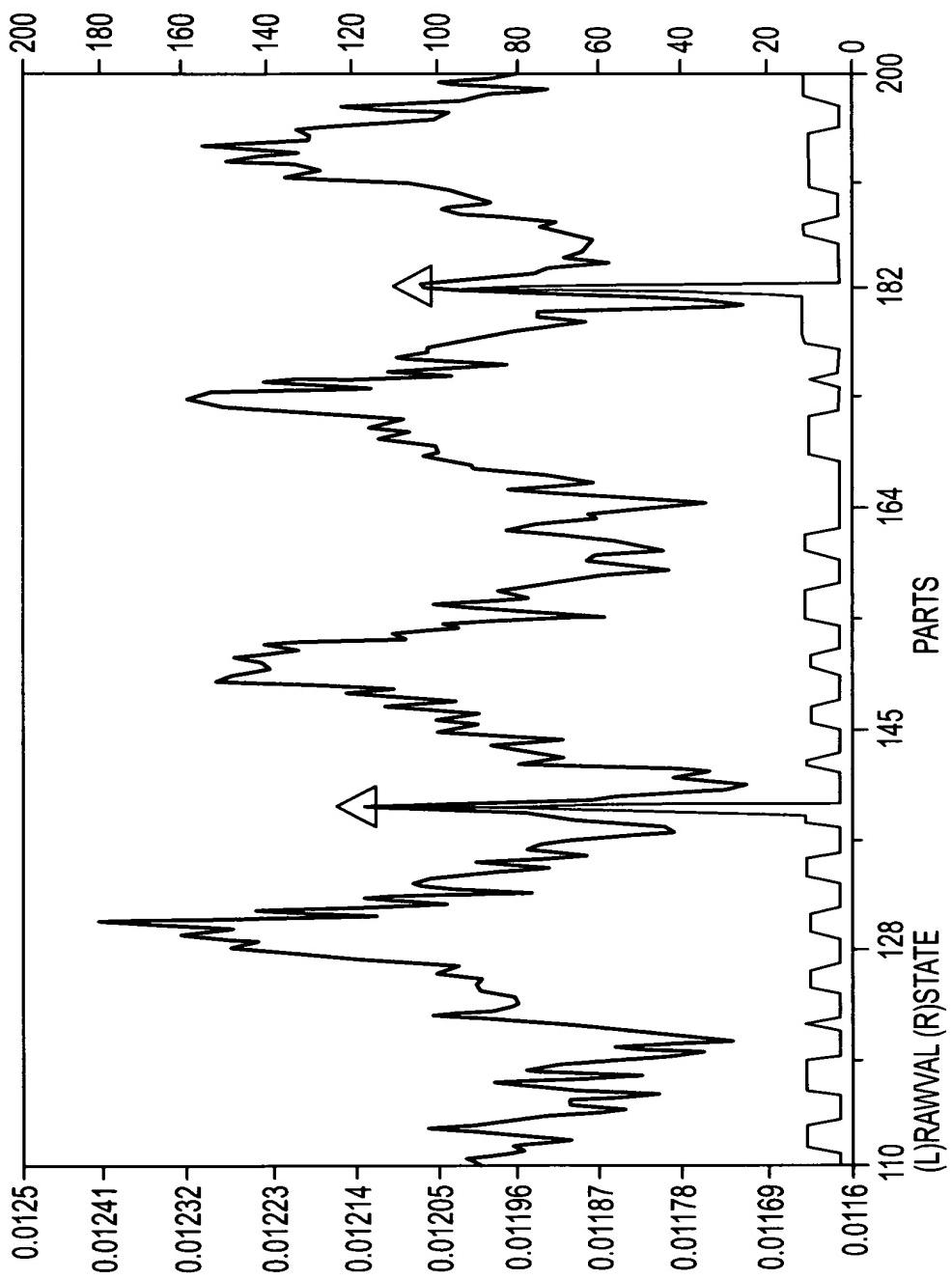


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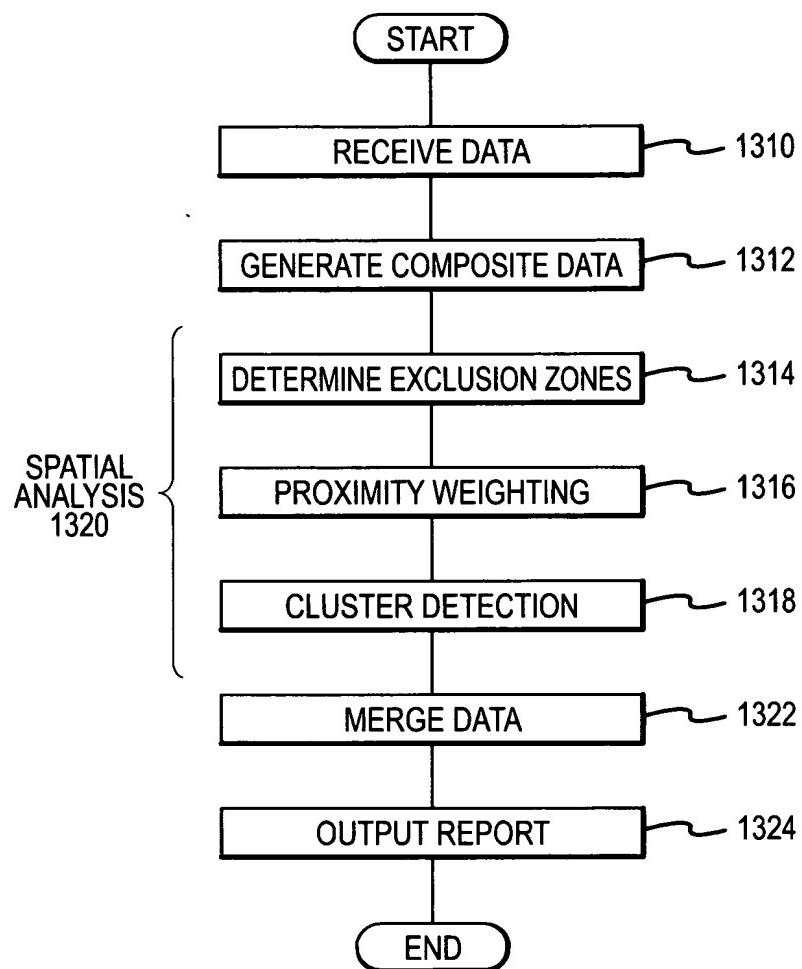
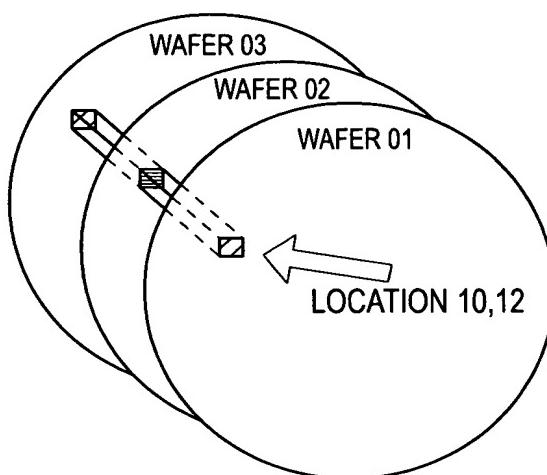


FIG.13



- DEVICES WITH VALUE OF 5
- DEVICES WITH VALUE OF 10

EXAMPLE:

FOR THE LOCATION 10,12 A VARIABLE WITH THE DEFINITION OF FIVE WOULD HAVE A VALUE OF TWO AND A VARIABLE WITH A DEFINITION OF TEN WOULD HAVE VALUE OF ONE.

NOW, ASSUME THAT THE USER HAS A FORMULA OF $X=1$ AND ALSO ASSUME THAT X IS A VARIABLE WITH A DEFINITION VALUE OF FIVE ACCORDING TO THE DATA, X WOULD HAVE A VALUE OF 2 (AS WE SAW ABOVE) AND THE FORMULA WOULD EQUATE AS TRUE. SINCE THE FORMULA RESULTED IN A TRUE VALUE, IT WOULD BE INCLUDED IN THE COMPOSITE MAP.

FIG.14

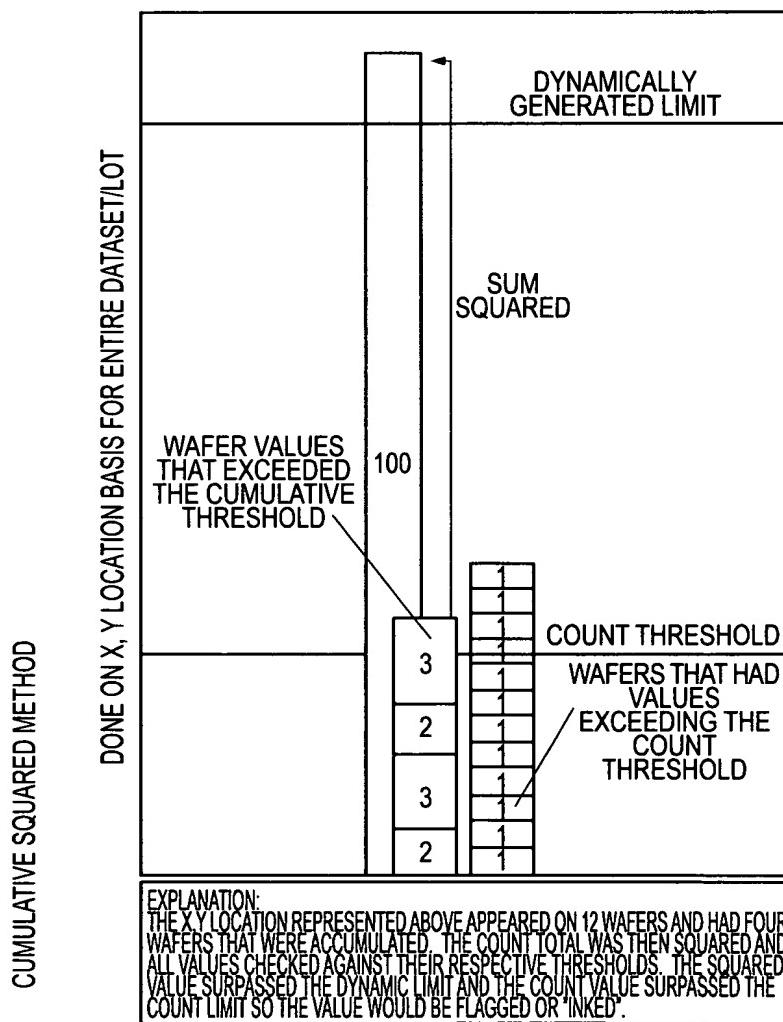


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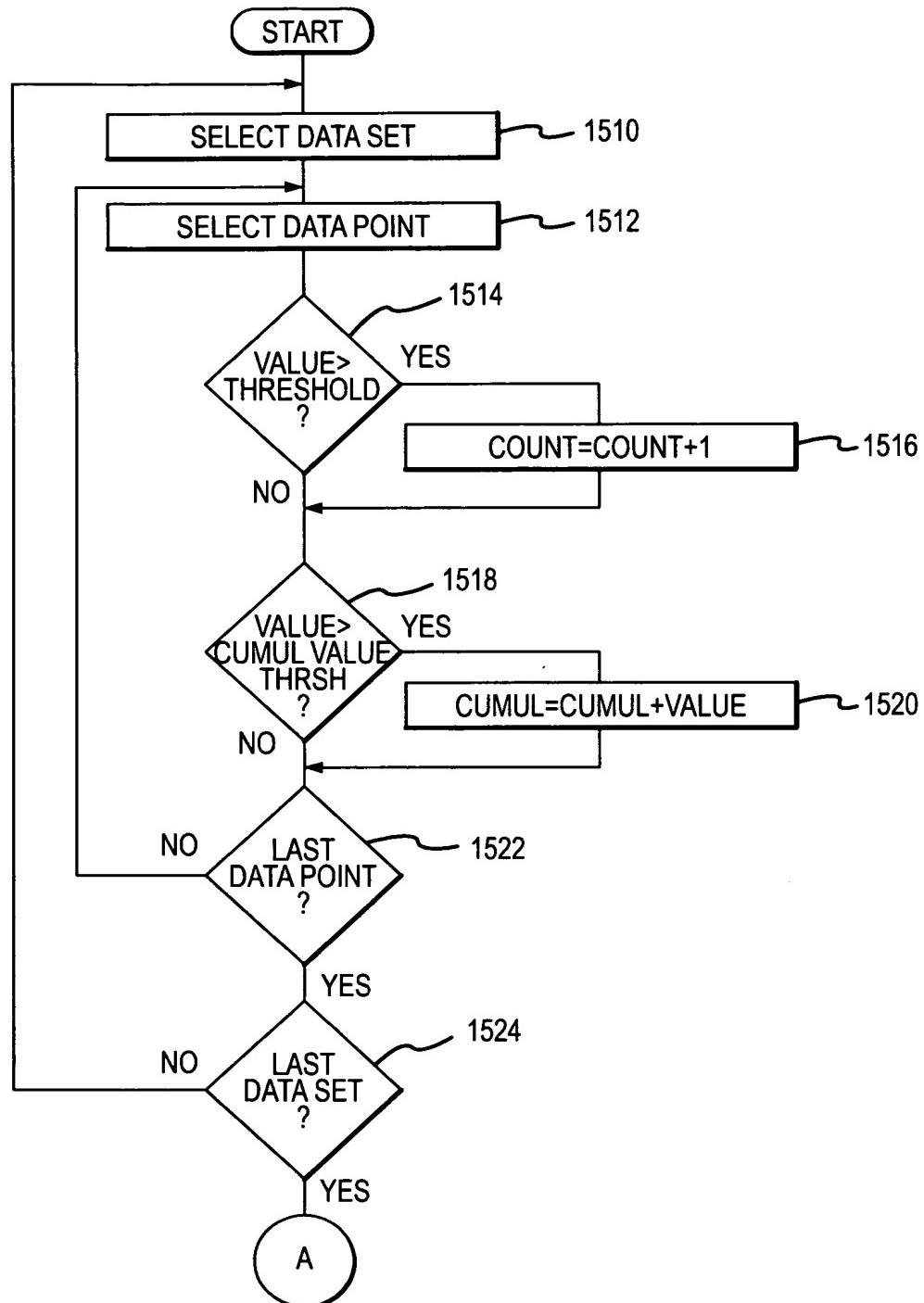


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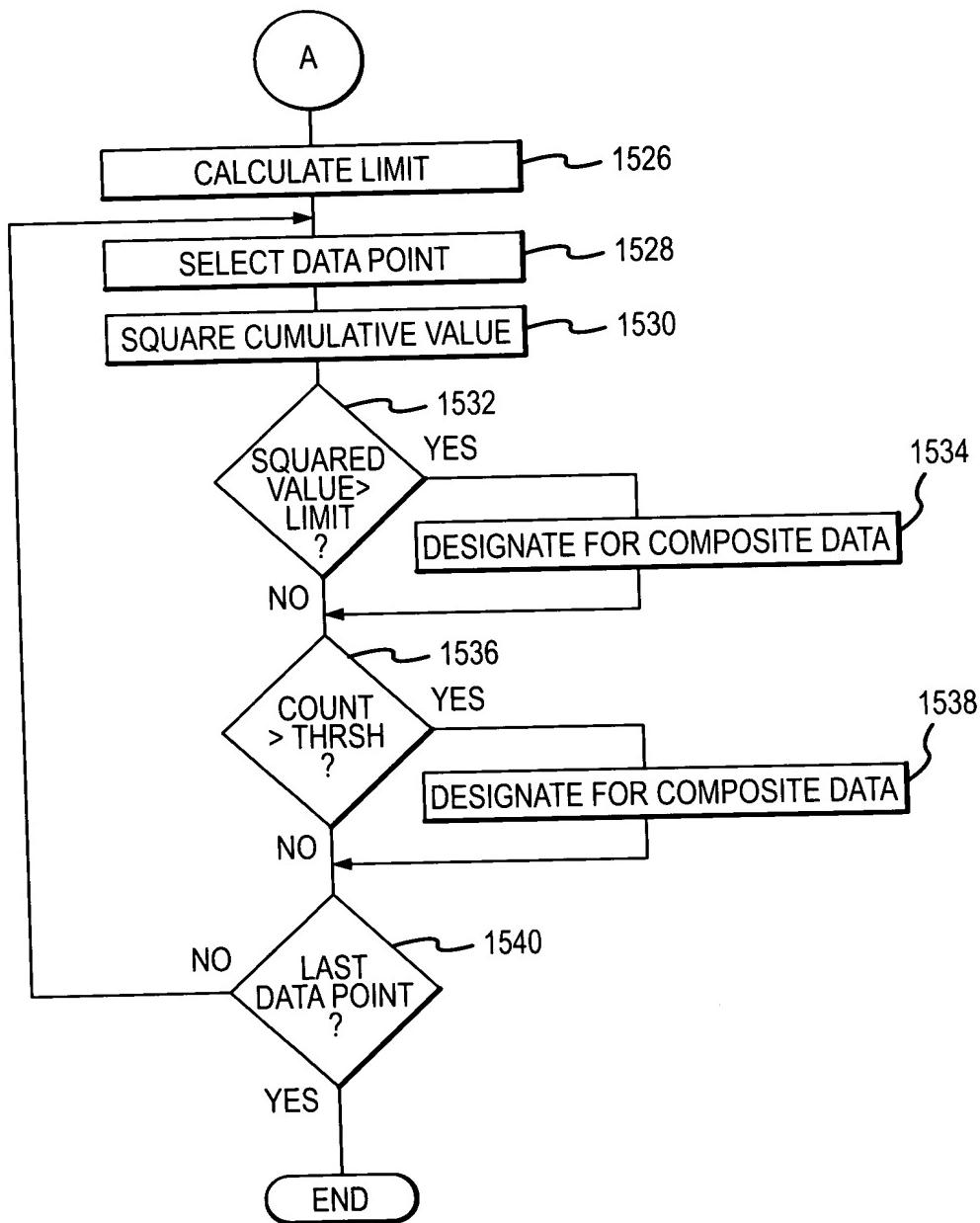


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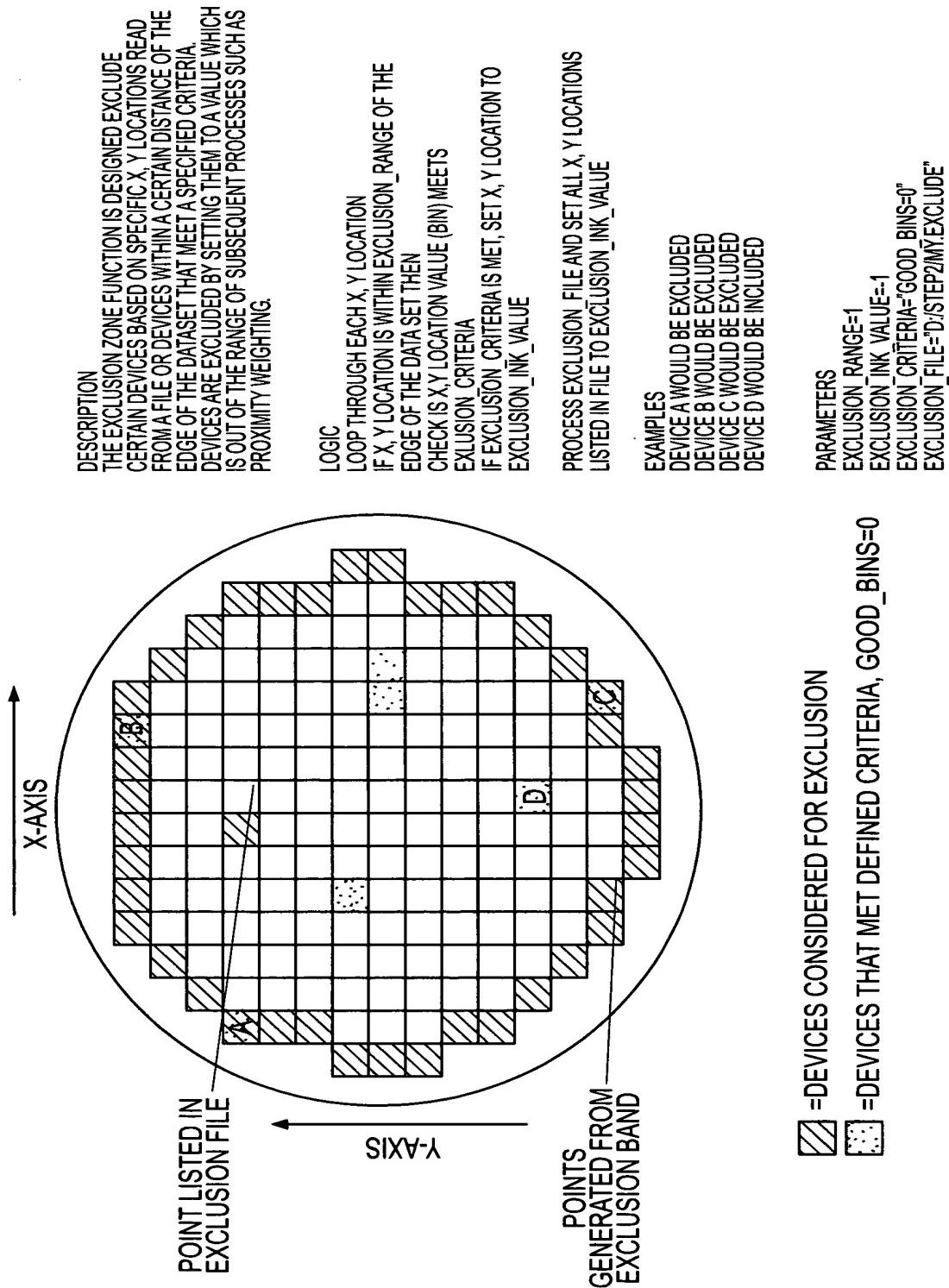


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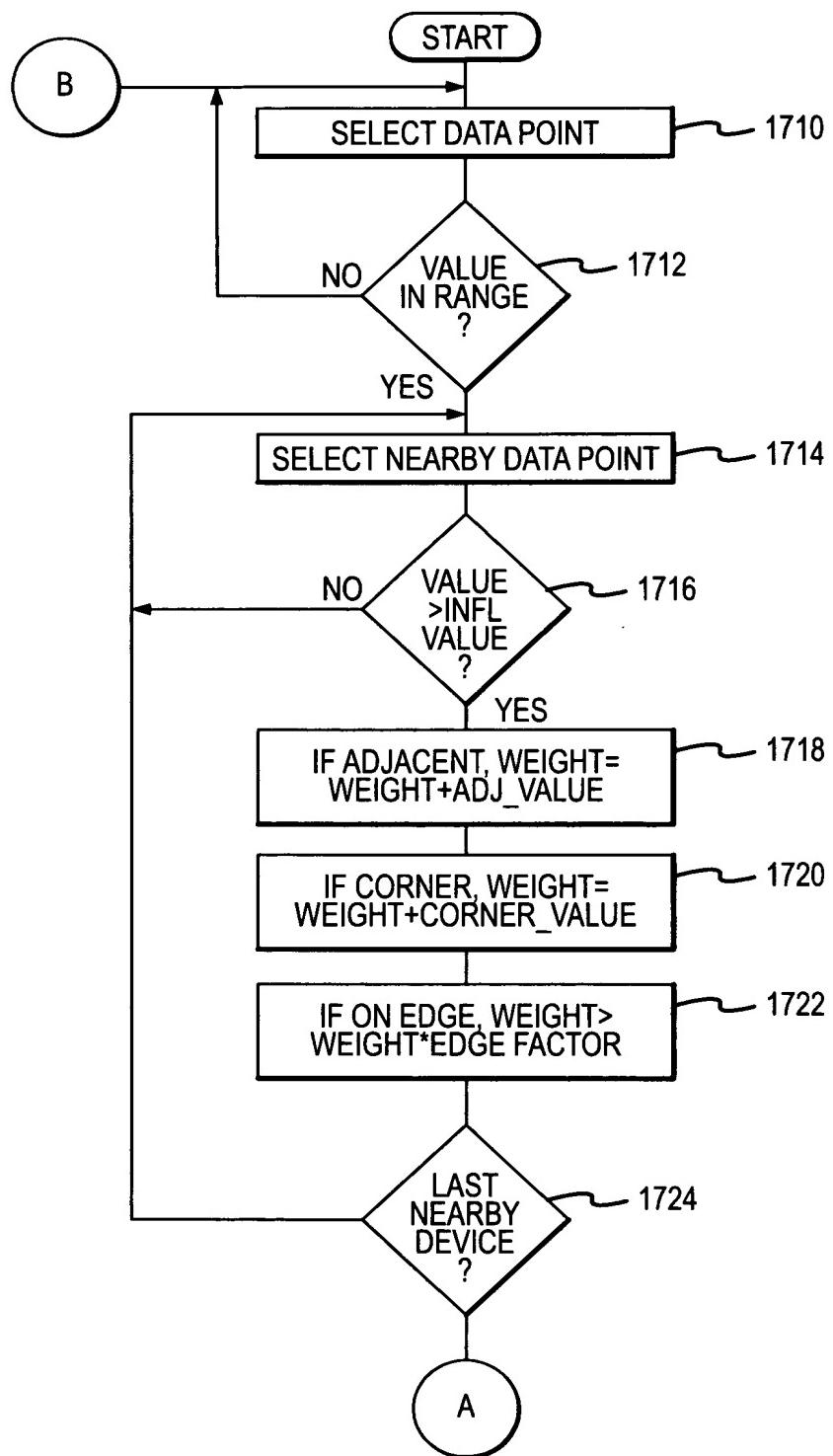


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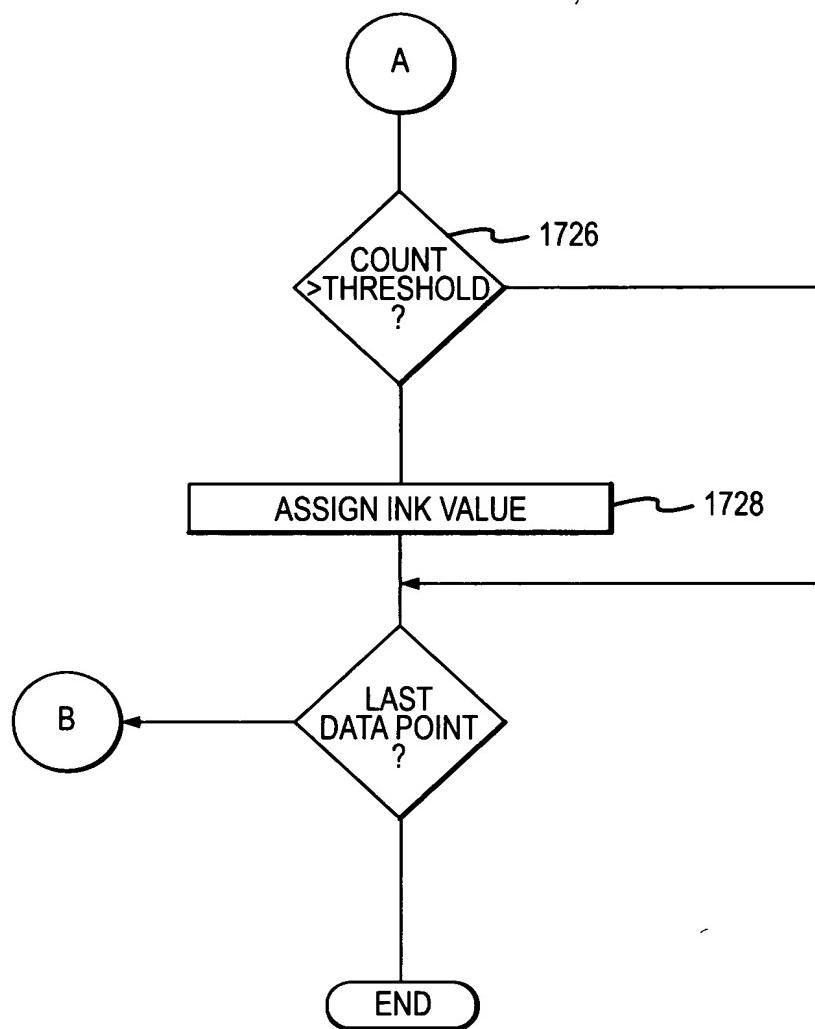


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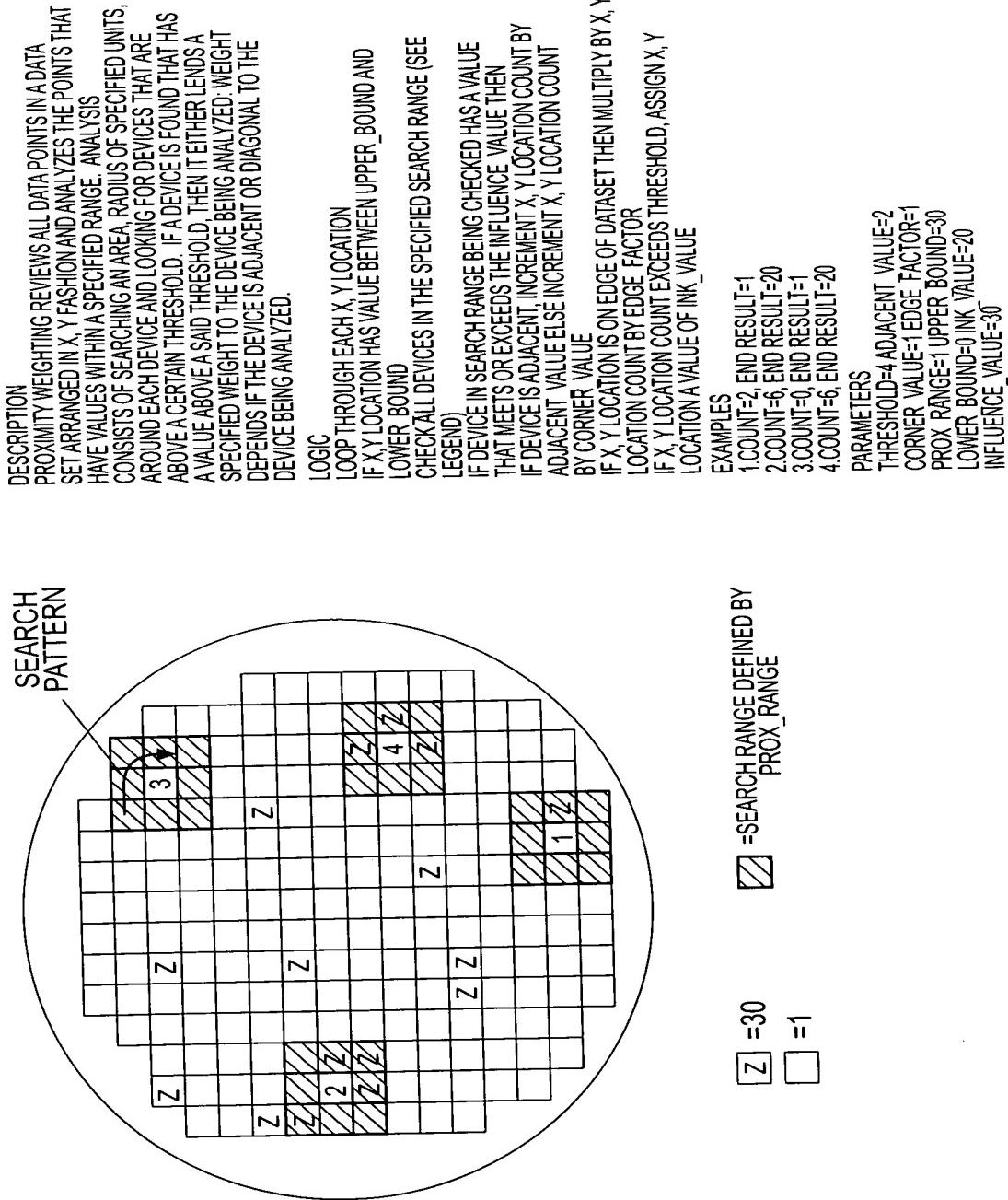


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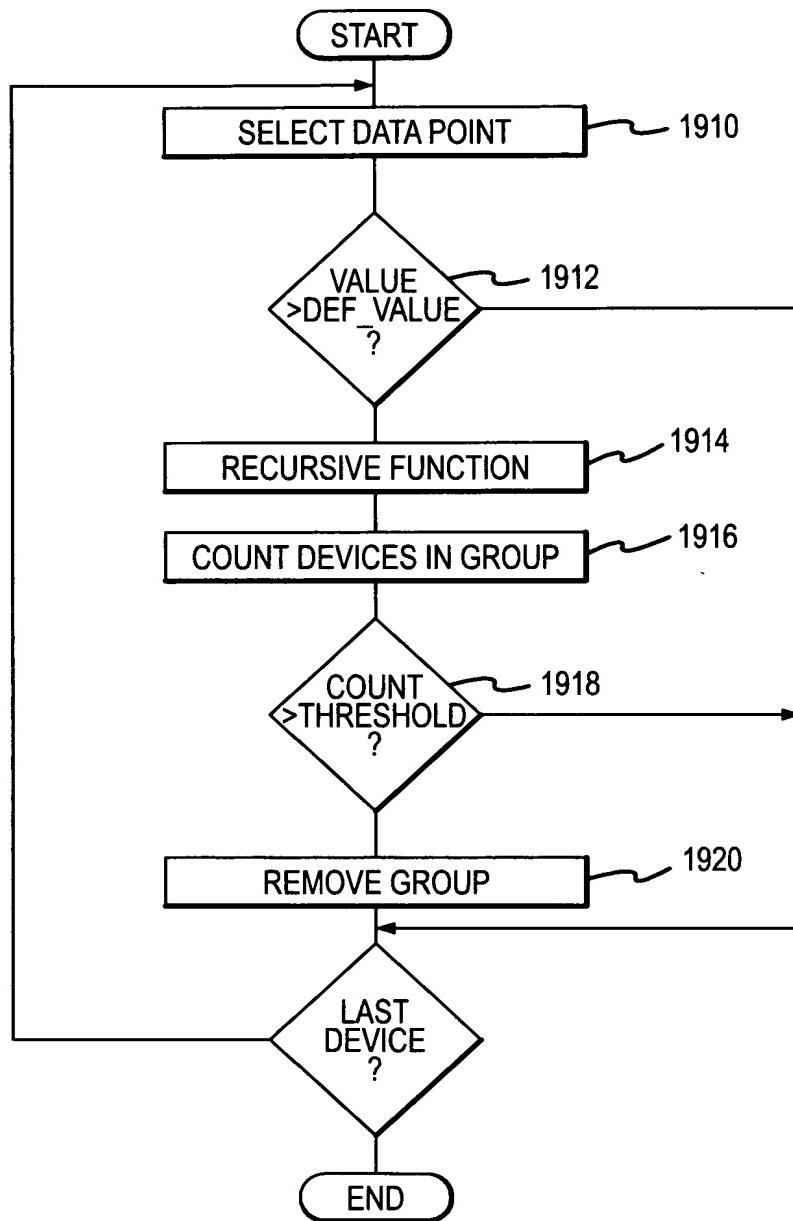
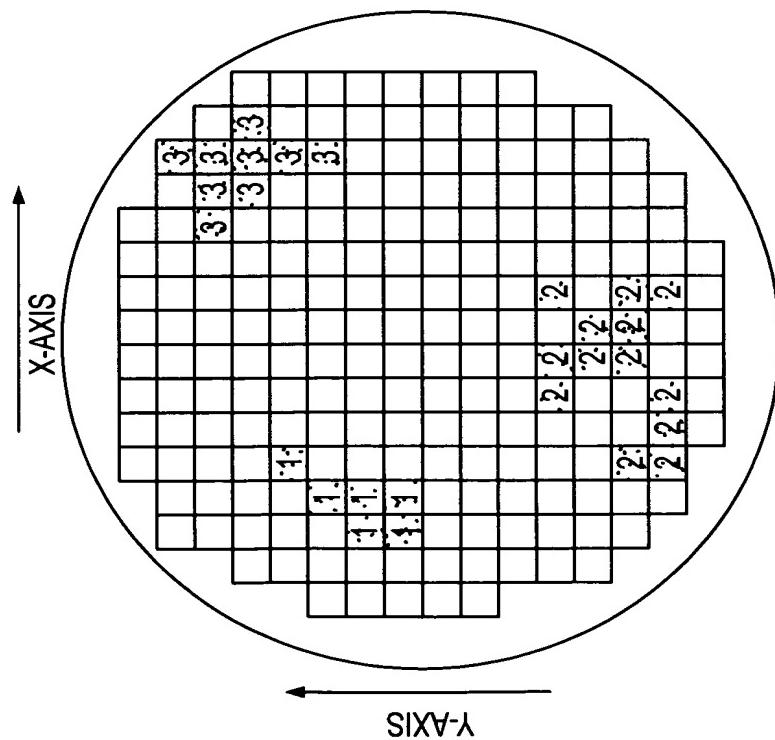


FIG.19



DESCRIPTION

THE CLUSTER DETECTION FUNCTION'S PURPOSE IS TO REMOVE GROUPS OF LOCATIONS (DEFINED BY THE DEFINITION VALUE) IN DATASETS BY ASSERTING HOW LARGE EACH GROUP IS AND IF SMALLER THAN A SAID THRESHOLD, REMOVE THE GROUP(S).

LOGIC

LOOP THROUGH EACH X, Y LOCATION
IF THERE IS A DEVICE AT THE X, Y LOCATION
IF X, Y LOCATION HAS VALUE EQUAL TO DEFINITION VALUE
CALL RECURSIVE FUNCTION FIND NEXT DEVICE IN GROUP AND
ASSIGN GROUP INDEX

ONCE GROUP INDEXES HAVE BEEN ASSIGNED, COUNT HOW
MANY DEVICES ARE ASSIGNED TO EACH GROUP
IF GROUP COUNT IS LESS THAN SIZE_THRESHOLD, REMOVE
IT/SET VALUE TO BIN ONE

EXAMPLES

GROUP 1: WOULD BE REMOVED
GROUP 2: WOULD BE KEPT
GROUP 3: WOULD BE KEPT

PARAMETERS

SIZE_THRESHOLD=8
DEFINITION_VALUE=30
INCLUDE_CORNERS=1

=DEVICES THAT HAVE VALUES MATCHING THE DEFINITION_VALUE

n =GROUP INDEX

FIG.20

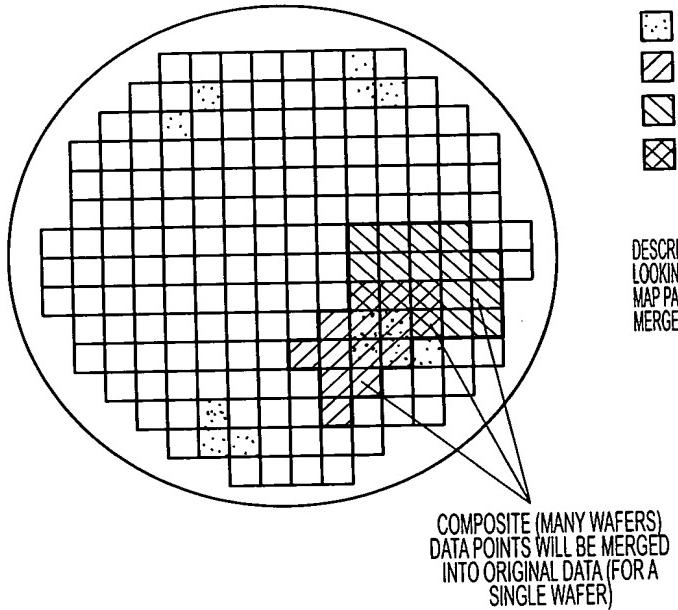


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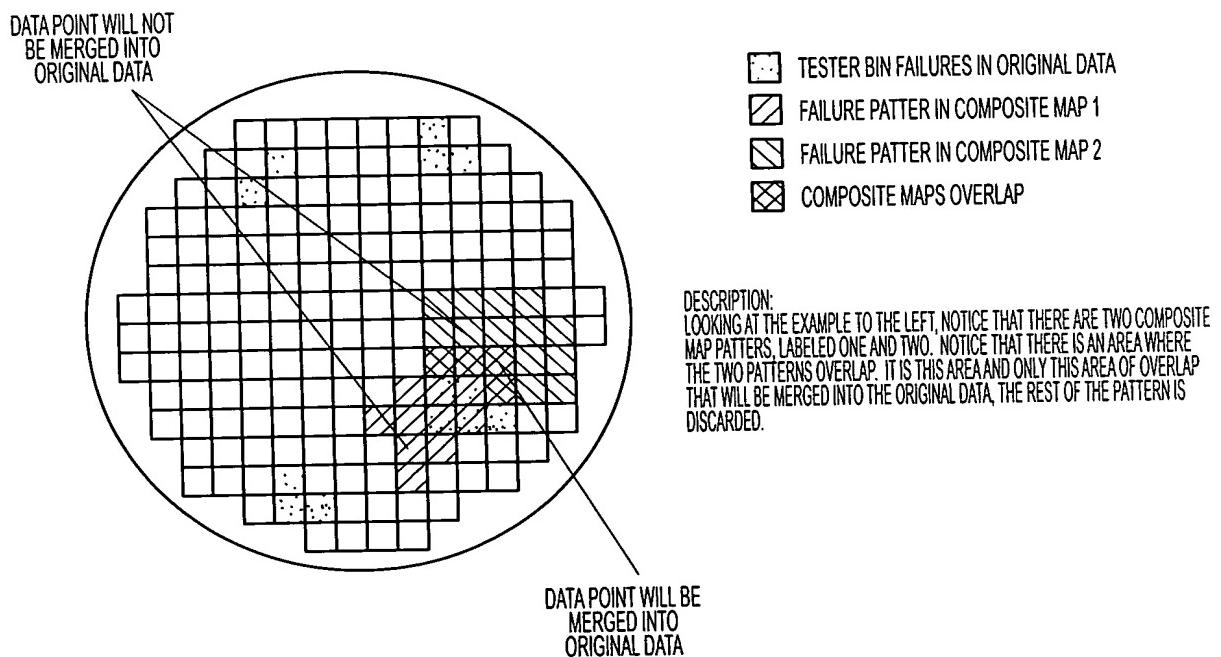
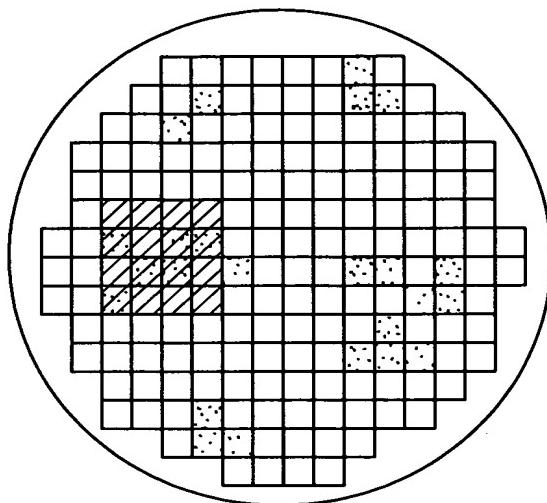


FIG.22



TESTER BIN FAILURES IN ORIGINAL DATA

FAILURE PATTERN IN COMPOSITE MAP

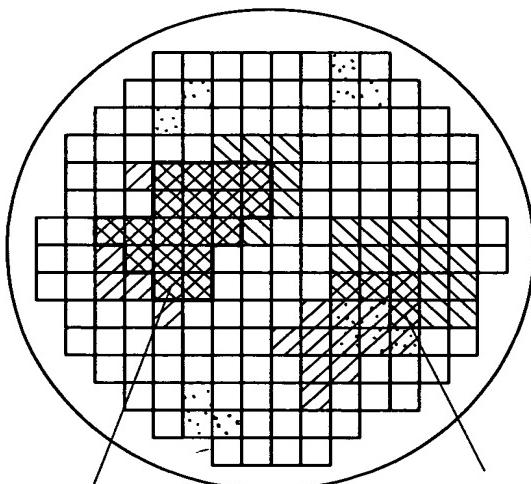
PATTERN CONSTITUTION MODE

GIVEN THE EXAMPLE ON THE TOP LEFT AND ASSUMING THAT THE USER HAS SET THE CRITERIA FOR A PATTERN MERGE IS THAT AT LEAST 50% OF THE COMPOSITE MAP PATTERN MUST MATCH THE ORIGINAL DATA WE CAN SEE THAT THE COMPOSITE PATTERN WOULD NOT BE MERGED ON THE ORIGINAL DATA. THIS IS DUE TO THE FAILURE OF THE DATA TO PASS THE CRITERIA SPECIFIED, AT LEAST 8 OUT OF THE 16 DATA POINT PATTERN MUST HAVE CORRESPONDING POINT ON THE ORIGINAL DATA, OF WHICH THERE ARE ONLY SIX. SINCE THE PATTERN FAILED THE CRITERIA IT WILL NOT BE MERGED WITH THE ORIGINAL DATA.

ABSOLUTE MODE

IN THIS MODE, THE EXAMPLE TO THE LEFT WOULD HAVE THE COMPOSITE MAP SUPERIMPOSED OVER THE ORIGINAL DATA MAP REGARDLESS OF HOW MUCH OF THE PATTERN IS REPRESENTATIVE OF THE ACTUAL DATA.

FIG.23



TESTER BIN FAILURES IN ORIGINAL DATA

FAILURE PATTERN IN COMPOSITE MAP 1

FAILURE PATTERN IN COMPOSITE MAP 2

COMPOSITE MAPS OVERLAP

DESCRIPTION:

LOOKING AT THE EXAMPLE TO THE LEFT, NOTICE THAT THERE ARE TWO COMPOSITE MAP PATTERNS, LABELED ONE AND TWO. NOTICE THAT THERE IS AN AREA WHERE THE TWO PATTERNS OVERLAP, IT IS THIS AREA AND ONLY THIS AREA OF OVERLAP THAT WILL BE MERGED INTO THE ORIGINAL DATA IF AND ONLY IF A USER DEFINED CRITERIA IS MET. THIS CRITERIA COULD BE A FIXED THRESHOLD, 15 FOR INSTANCE OR A CALCULATED VALUE SUCH AS 90% OF THE DATA POINTS CONSTITUTING THE PATTERNS MUST OVERLAP. IN EITHER CASE, THE OVERLAP ON THE UPPER LEFT PORTION OF THE DIAGRAM WOULD HAVE SUFFICIENT OVERLAP AND WOULD BE MERGED BUT THE OVERLAP ON THE RIGHT OF THE DIAGRAM HAS ONLY FOUR DEVICES AND WOULD NOT BE MERGED.

PATTERNS HAVE ENOUGH DATA POINTS FOR A 90% CRITERIA MATCH AND OVERLAPPING DATA POINTS WOULD BE MERGED INTO ORIGINAL DATA

PATTERN DOES NOT HAVE ENOUGH OVERLAP TO MEET A 90% CRITERIA AND WOULD NOT BE MERGED INTO ORIGINAL DATA

NOTE: IT IS ALSO POSSIBLE THAT INSTEAD OF MERGING ONLY THE OVERLAPPING PATTERNS THAT ALL PATTERNS ARE MERGED REGARDLESS OF THE CRITERIA AND THE DATA POINTS THAT DO MEET THE CRITERIA ARE ONLY NOTED IN AN OUTPUT FILE.

FIG.24

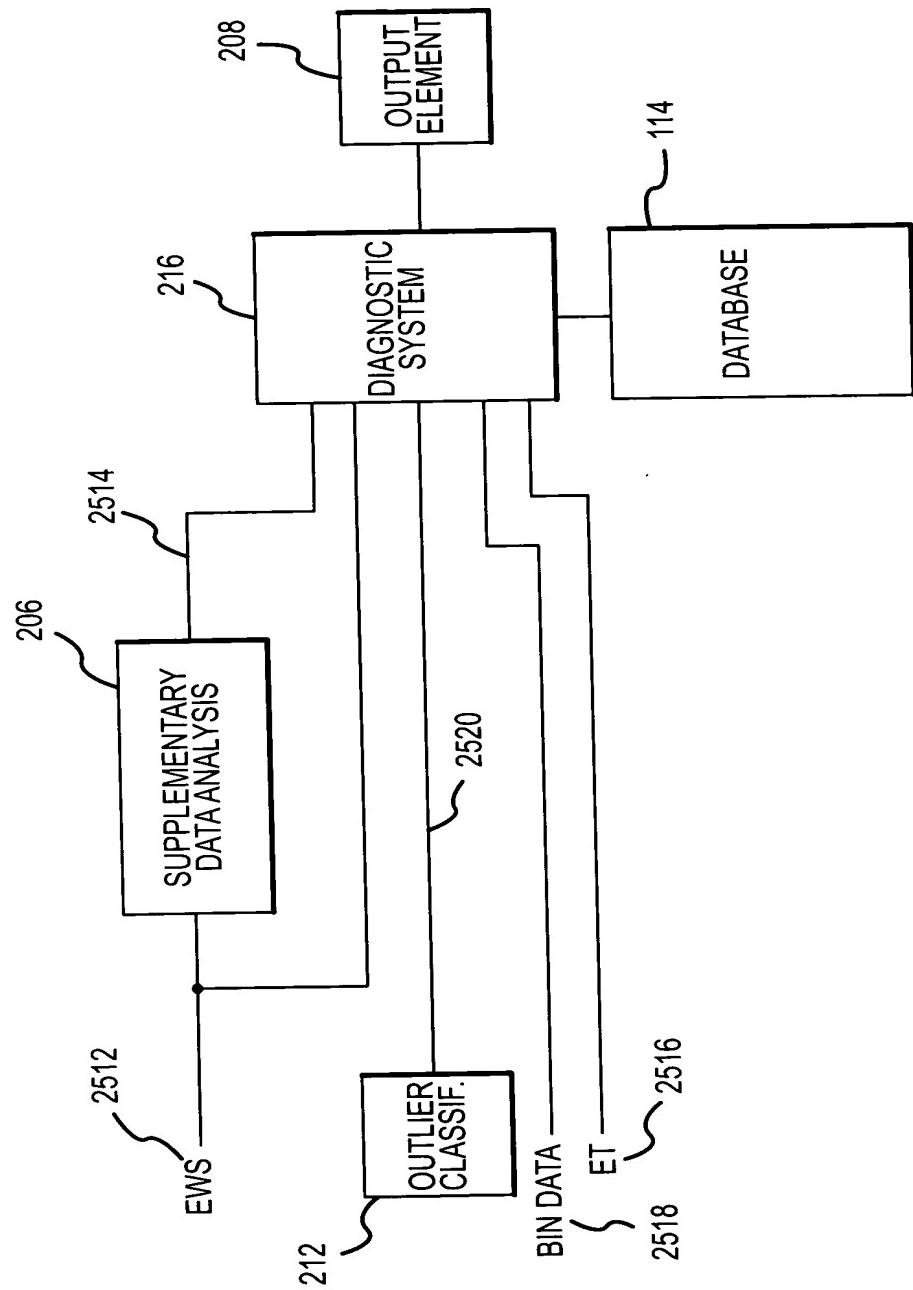


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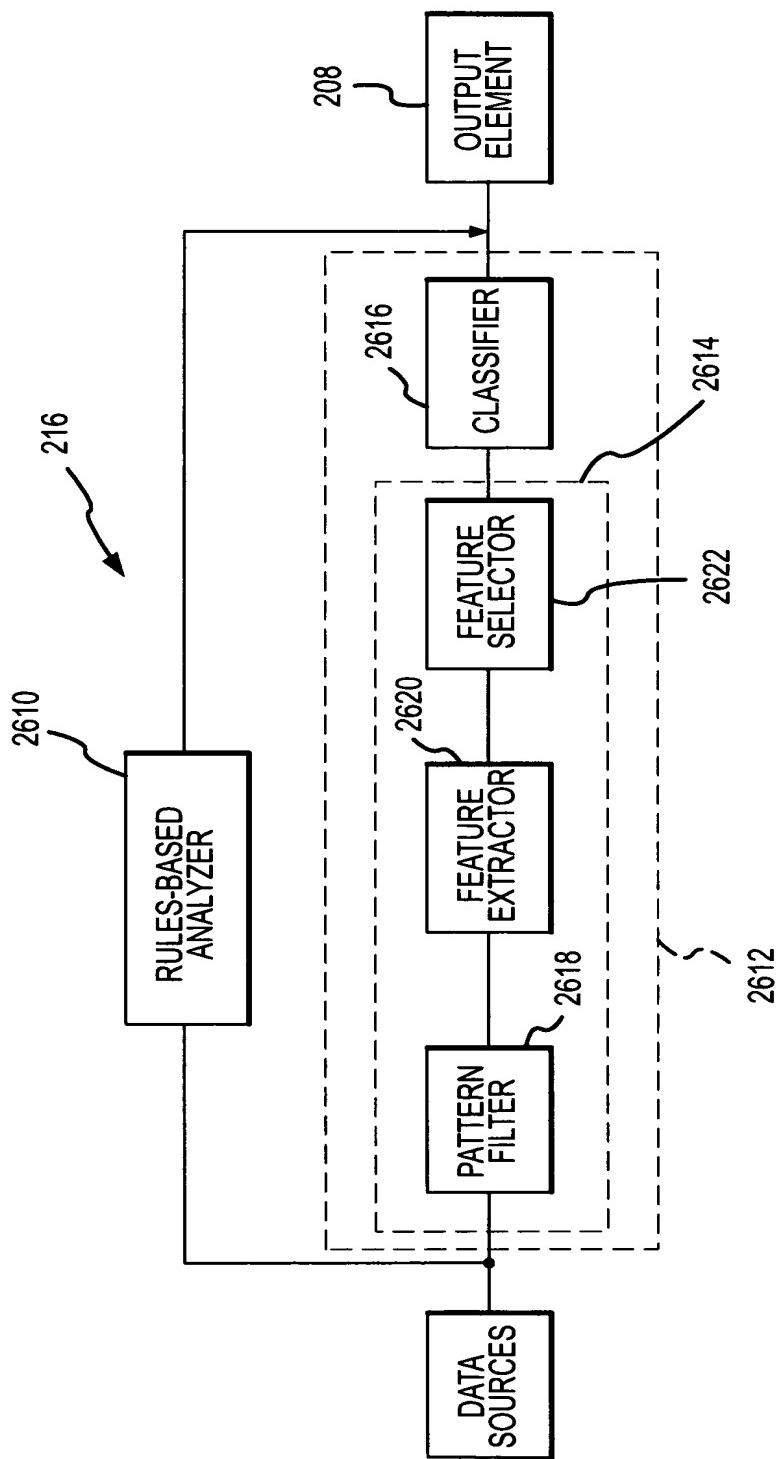


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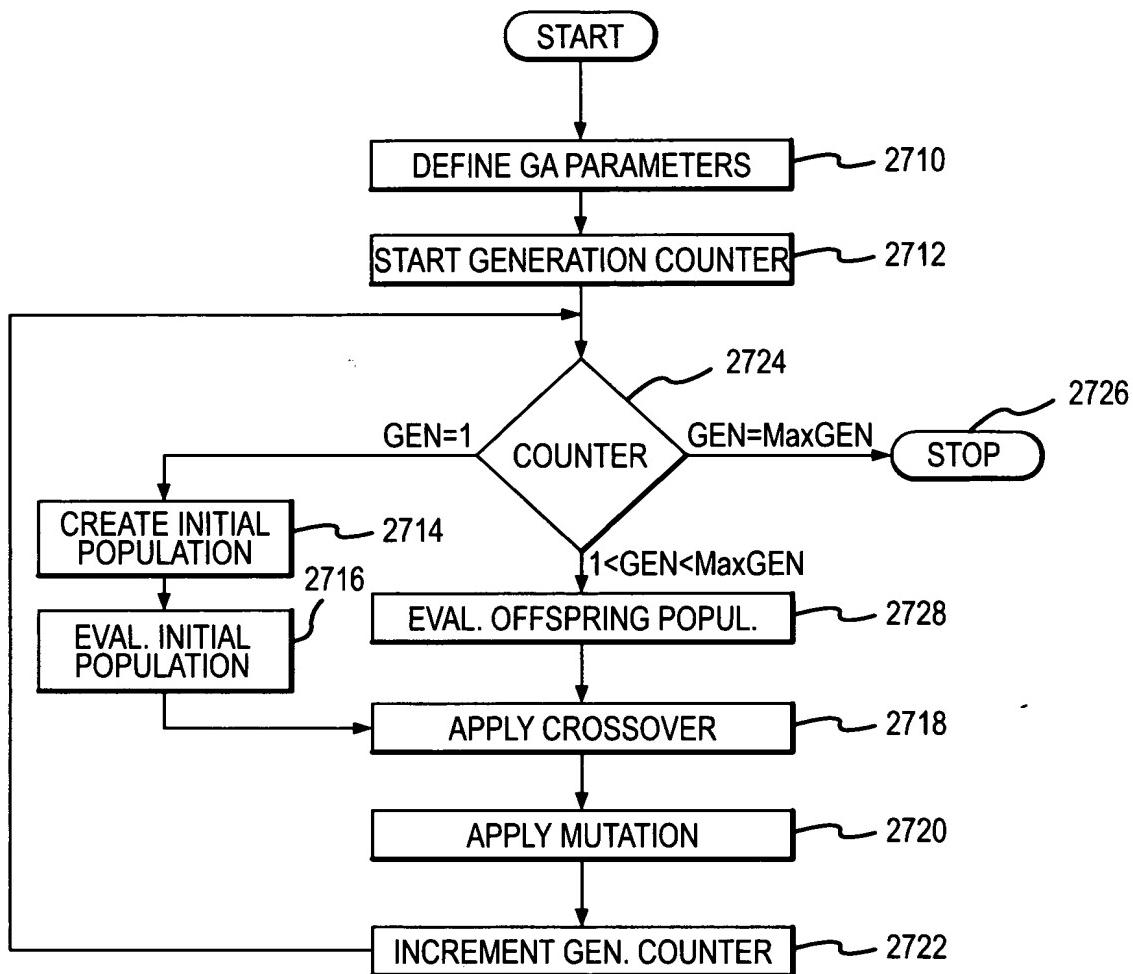


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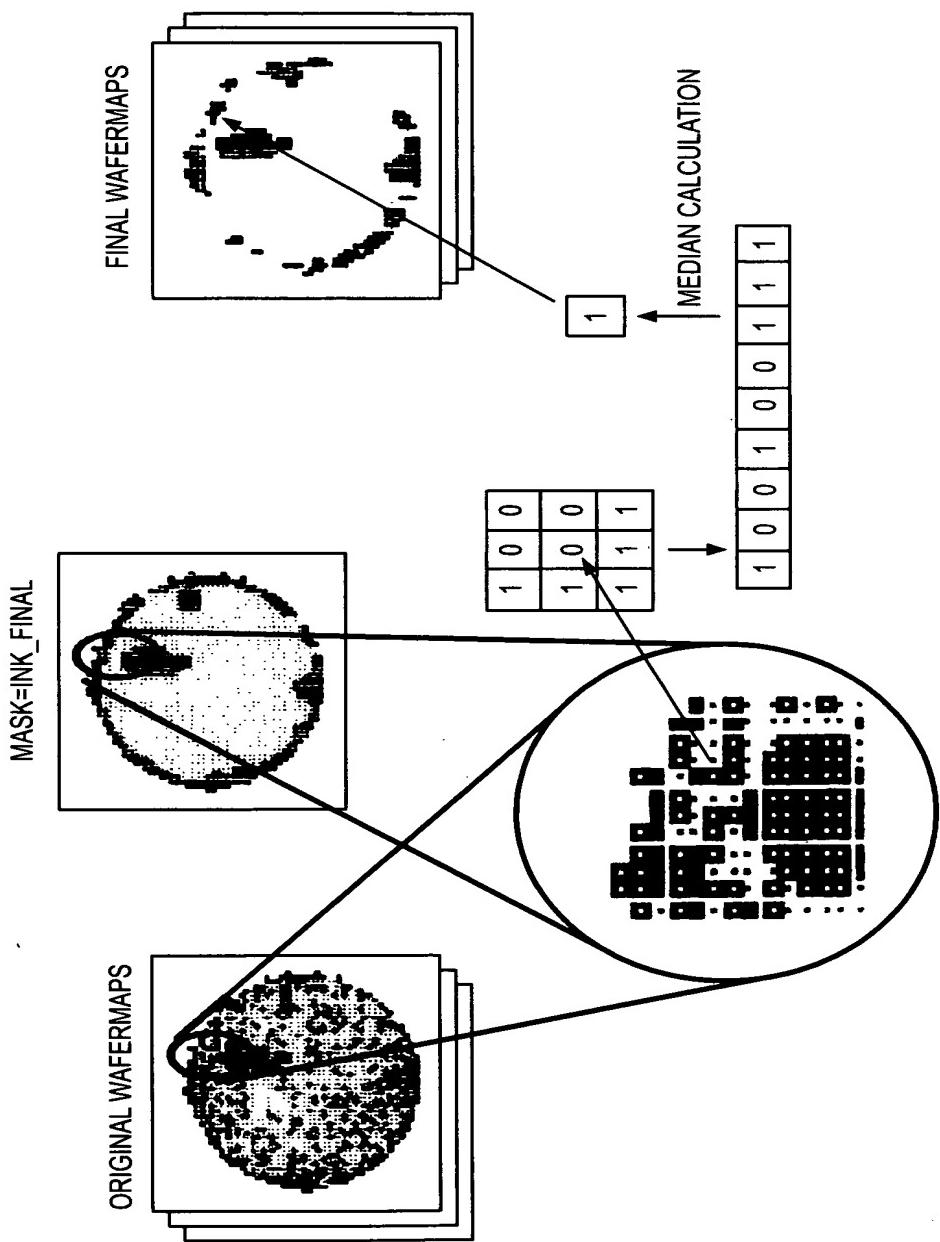


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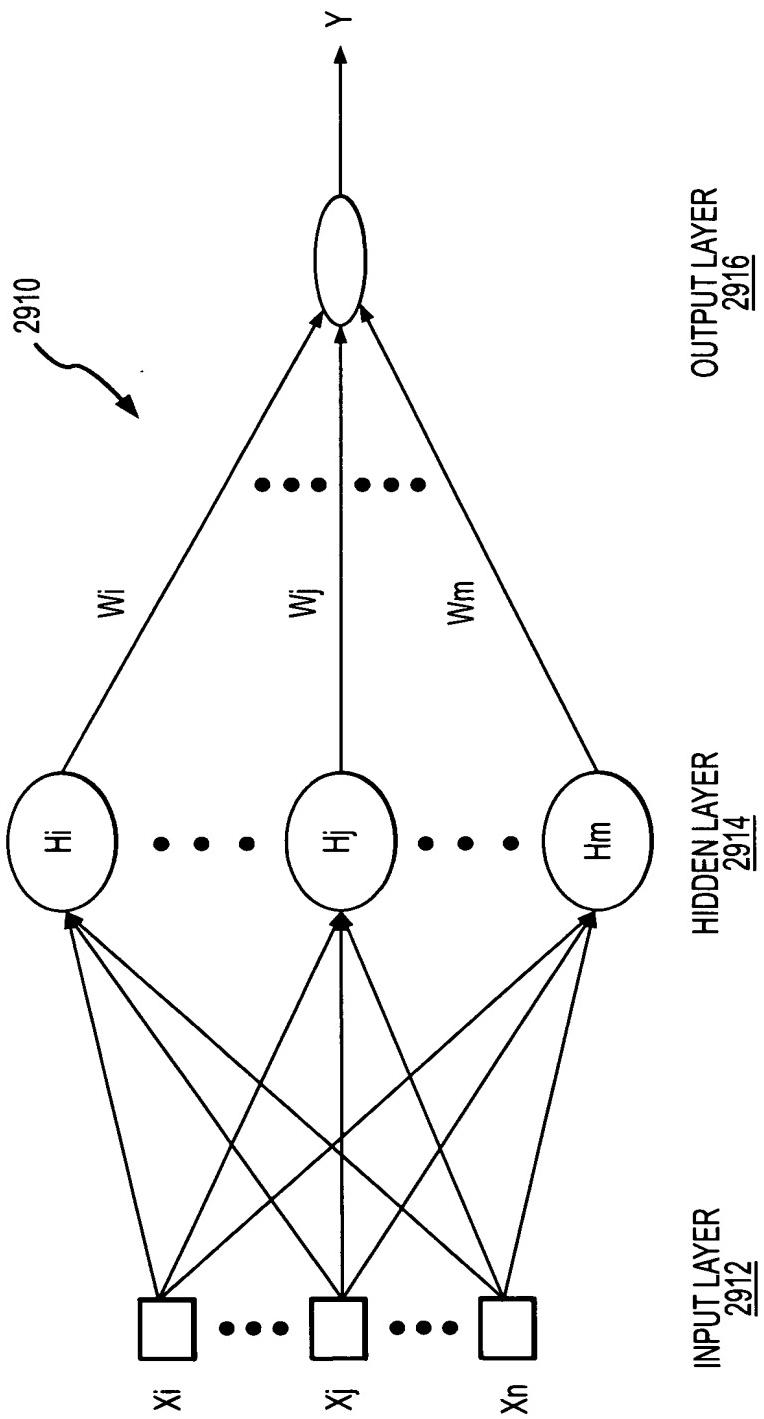


FIG.29